

Please do not roll back any of the rules currently in effect under the provisions of SFAR 71 for the State of Hawaii. The sky over Hawaii is currently so polluted with tour helicopter noise that any roll back would be a disaster.

Some have advocated that you remove the "exemption" provisions, but I understand that this is problematic, given other FAA regulations and concerns for safety. However, I request that you do not lower the minimum exemption from 500' to 300' as the tour industry is requesting. If anything, raise it to 1000' AGL.

In addition, I ask that you grant the State of Hawaii, in consultation with the FAA, the right to apply for minimum height restrictions of no less than 3,000' AGL, or "protected air space," over the few remaining pristine State park lands and forest preserves throughout the State: specifically the Kokee and Na Pali areas on Kauai, and the Kula and Kahikinui Forest Preserve areas on the island of Maui. All four of these areas are popular and heavily used hiker, biker, and/or equestrian areas and are currently experiencing well above normal tour helicopter assault. [The Kula and Kahikinui Forest Reserves are on the direct flight path of tour helicopters from the central valley of Maui (airport) to the southern rim of Haleakala National Park.] Wide flight deviations around or "avoidance" of these areas on Maui and Kauai would significantly alter the noise impact on these areas that residents, and tourists alike, use to escape to for rest, relaxation, and quiet. Under current circumstances, this "citizen right" has been deprived us. We ask for some level of redress.

I have ideas as to how the problems on Maui could be alleviated, and look forward to sharing those ideas with FAA officials and local flight operators at any time. The slightest alteration of flight paths could accomplish miracles, and, in so doing, restore the "quality of quiet" to one of Maui's remaining sanctuaries of public peace.

Thank you for your consideration of my perspectives.

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